

## VALLEY FARMERS CALLED TO MEET

Will Discuss Raising Sugar Beets and Cotton and Hear Report.

Las Cruces, N. M., Dec. 12.—A meeting of the business men and citizens of the valley will be held tonight in the banquet building in the offices of the Elephant Butte Water Users association. The meeting was called by the immigration bureau for the discussion and possible action of three important subjects: sugar beets as an industry for the valley; the growing of cotton in the valley; and the work and plans of the immigration bureau. A report of the work of the bureau since May 15, will be submitted by H. R. Lank, covering the period he has been in charge of the bureau. Already a number of citizens and planters have banded themselves together for the purpose of securing a large acreage in sugar beets in the valley and the aim at the suggestion of R. G. Dyne, the growing of cotton in the valley will be considered.

**Milk Sales Are \$200 Weekly.**  
Mesilla valley farmers are now receiving \$200 a week for milk shipped to the El Paso buyers, and the shipments are constantly increasing. The El Paso dairy company in one week bought \$200 worth of the valley milk according to J. A. Smith, who was in Las Cruces.

**Joseph McKinley Acquitted.**  
Joseph McKinley was acquitted and Sam Holloway convicted on a manslaughter charge in the case of the two men having been jointly indicted on a charge of killing a Torrance county peace officer more than a year ago. The case was transferred to Dona Ana county after a jury in Torrance county had failed to reach a verdict.

**Is Improving Ranch.**  
W. H. Winter, of El Paso, is making extensive improvements on his ranch near Dona Ana. He has had over 400 acres put in cultivation and is now having a house built. He has recently signed up under the Elephant Butte Water Users association.

## FORMER SENATOR COCKRELL, BOUNDARY COMMISSIONER, DIES

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Francis Marion Cockrell, aged 71, former United States senator from Missouri, died here today. Infirmities of old age, resulting in serious illness during the past two weeks, caused death.

Mr. Cockrell, a Democrat, served five terms in the United States senate from 1875 to 1905. The day he left the senate he was appointed a member of the Interstate Commerce commission by president Roosevelt and remained a member until December 31, 1910. In March, 1911, he was appointed United States commissioner to adjust the boundary between Texas and New Mexico.

During the Civil war, Mr. Cockrell was a confederate army officer, rising from captain to brigadier general. His home was in Warrensburg, Mo.

## COTTON MARKET PRICE

**AGAIN DROPS \$2 BALE.**  
New York.—Cotton fell approximately \$2 a bale today under a renewal of excited general liquidation. The market experienced nervousness over international political conditions. Cotton for May delivery fell off to 42 1/2 or 42 points under Saturday's closing, and nearly \$3 a bale below the high level of last week.

Cotton underwent a \$2 drop last week.

## Why Suffer With Backache, Kidneys or Rheumatism? "ANURIC!"

The Newest Discovery in Chemistry. Eminent Medical Authorities Endorse It.

A New Remedy for Kidney, Bladder and all Uric Acid Troubles.

Dr. Eberle and Dr. Braithwaite as well as Dr. Simon—all distinguished authors—agree that whatever may be the disease, the urine

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## FARM MEETING HELD AT VINTON

Texas A. & M. Extension Work Starts in Valleys; Ysleta Tuesday.

This is farm week in the El Paso valleys and the A. & M. college extension instructors held the first day's session at Vinton Monday morning. The meeting at Vinton started at 10 o'clock with a talk and demonstration of cooking and food values by Mrs. G. M. Garren of the A. & M. college.

While this was in progress a talk to men was given on conservation of moisture by William Garzer and on soil fertility by G. M. Garren. A joint meeting of the men and women was held at 1:30 on dairymaking. C. M. Evans gave a talk on judging dairy cattle and F. W. Kazemier on dairymaking. Mrs. Garren gave another talk on fruit and vegetable canning.

**T. & P. Expert Talks.**  
R. R. Claridge, agricultural expert for the Texas & Pacific railroad, is also here and is giving talks each day at the farm sessions. A. G. Graham, county farm demonstrator, is in charge of the meetings and will also give a series of talks on farm problems, at the valley meetings. Miss Myra Winkler, county school superintendent, is also attending these meetings and taking part in them.

Tuesday the meetings will be held at the Ysleta school house, where the Vinton program will be repeated with a few changes. A series of round table discussions are also held at these meetings, which are a part of the Texas A. & M. college extension work. The meeting will be at Belen Wednesday and at Clint on Thursday.

## Indians Light Virgin's Path Down the Mountain To Old Church In Juarez

Fires burned brightly on the Sierra Madre Sunday night to light the way of the Virgin of Guadalupe down from the mountains to the Guadalupe shrine in Juarez.

Each year, just before Christmas time, the Indians who live in Juarez and the Juarez valley climb the mountains, build big brush fires and light them at night to guide the virgin to her shrine.

A salute in honor of the patron saint of the mission was fired Sunday morning. The firing of the cannon and the firing could be heard and seen plainly in El Paso.

## CANADIANS MAY SPARE FORMER AMERICAN WOMAN

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 12.—It was reported here today that the cabinet has decided to commute the death penalty passed on Mrs. Elizabeth Coward of Port George, B. C., to life imprisonment.

Mrs. Coward, formerly of Chicago, murdered a man in the wilds of northern British Columbia. Petitions for clemency, signed by tens of thousands of people, were sent to the minister of justice.

A large proportion of Russians wear beards than any other nation in the world.

## TOGETHER FARMERS ON VALLEY LAND

C. J. Blanchard to Have Reclamation Service and Farmers Cooperate.

Closer cooperation between the reclamation service and the water users' associations will be made possible by the plan which C. J. Blanchard, publicity director of the reclamation service, is now working out. Mr. Blanchard was here Monday on his way home from the San Francisco fair, where the reclamation service had an elaborate exhibit.

Mr. Blanchard, while here, had a conference with Felix Martinez, chairman of the board of governors of the El Paso Valley Water Users' association, regarding the new plan, which is now in the formative stage. He stated Monday that, while the plans had not yet been perfected, he expected to lay it before secretary Franklin K. Lane of the interior department, upon his return to Washington.

His plan in general is to have the reclamation service and water users cooperate in getting farmers onto the land under the irrigation project. Sunday Mr. Blanchard went to Las Cruces, and through the Mesilla Valley. He declared upon his return that he was surprised at the progress and development which had taken place in this valley since his last trip here.

## JONES PLEASED WITH CENSURING OF SIMS

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 12.—Entire satisfaction with the decision of the supreme court in the contempt proceedings brought against R. B. Sims, superintendent of the state prison, is expressed by attorney general Wiley Jones.

"I never expected that Sims would be punished, but I did expect that he would be censured by the court," explained Jones. "The decision proves that when I told Sims that he should go ahead and execute William Patton November 26, my opinion was the right one. Mr. Sims, in ignoring my opinion and turning to private counsel, accepted poor legal advice throughout."

Justice H. D. Jones and Alfred Franklin, signed the majority opinion of the court, discharging Sims from the contempt charge, but declaring that he had transgressed the law. Justice D. L. Cunningham wrote a lone opinion specially concurring in the discharge of the defendant but stating that he did not agree with the interpretation upon the law by his colleagues. He left it to the Indians to make their own course followed by Sims in the Patton matter entirely legal.

## MESA POULTRYMEN TO HOLD SHOW IN JANUARY

Mesa, Ariz., Dec. 12.—Plans for the annual show of the Mesa Poultry and Pet Stock association were formed at the yearly meeting of that organization, which is to be held in January and it is expected that birds from all parts of the state will be shown.

Thomas E. Harris was elected president for the ensuing year; Charles W. Baldwin, vice president; Edgar Leharson, secretary; G. C. Rogers, treasurer; W. W. Carney, F. B. Gurley and Lee Hibbert, comprise the executive committee.

## "NO LENIENCY" URGES TEMPERANCE FEDERATION

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 12.—A strong protest against the extending of clemency to violators of the Arizona prohibition law has been received by the board of pardons and paroles from the executive board of the Temperance Federation of America. This protest was called forth by efforts that are being made to obtain pardons for several persons who deliberately tested the prohibition law and were given penitentiary sentences.

## SNOW IS COVERING BIG SECTION OF EAST

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The Atlantic seaboard from Virginia to Canada, the upper Ohio and Mississippi valleys and the great lakes region were generally snow covered today. Over most of that area snow was still falling with indications that it would continue tonight in the middle Atlantic states, the great lakes region, northern New York and New England.

## 2 HELD FOR OFFICERS.

Frank Ingram, of Battle Creek, Mich., and Charles Goldstein, of Fort Worth, are being held for the Michigan and Fort Worth officers.

## AN ACCOMODATING COAT

THE fur coat that can be utilized for either afternoon or evening wear, and looks well on both occasions is really a clever investment.

Only a very smart model can be used in this manner. The flaring lines, bell cuffs and scarf collar should be noted in the coat, pictured, which may be used in this way. It was of Huson seal with long sleeves and full flaring skirt. Skunk fur was lavishly used to trim the collar, cuffs and hem. A lining of beautifully figured silk finished the inside.

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## VILLA KEEPING PLANS HIDDEN

Believed to Be After Torreon Cotton; Carranza Troops Sent South.

Gen. Francisco Villa is reported at Chihuahua City with Gov. Fidel Avila, preparing for a quick drive southward, according to advice with officials in El Paso and Juarez. At the same time, reports from Madera claim he is still there, accumulating rolling stock for a move to Chihuahua City.

A dispatch from Gen. Carranza Monday, by Gen. Garcia, announced the turn over of Villa's Gen. Maximo Garcia, with his troops at Escalon, between Jimenez and Torreon. With the declaration that Garcia has abandoned him Villa's decision to drive south with all his forces may be blocked.

**Is After Laguna Cotton.**  
Villa is believed in the better informed circles to be now in Chihuahua City with Gov. Avila, getting ready for a move down the line of the National railways of Mexico. The first objective of this move is declared to be the accumulated cotton, estimated at a valuation of \$2,000,000, in the Laguna district, which Villa will try to capture and ship out by way of Juarez, for the big income it represents.

## CARRANZA TROOPS TO TORREON

Carranza officials are busy throwing their forces into an effort to wipe out the Torreon section and northward to reinforce Gen. Herrera's troops between Torreon proper and Santa Rosa. It is reported, and every effort will be made to block the Villa move southward.

**Palomares May Be Carranza Base.**  
Local advisers tell the plan of Constitutionalists to make Palomares, upper Chihuahua state, a base for operations against Juarez, in an effort to wipe out Villa's money making center and crush his revenue gathering at this point on the border. A Carranza troop recently from Agua Prieta to Culiacan, N. M., to land forces at Palomares, is reported.

A battle may ensue in the course of a few days close to a point between Santa Rosa and Torreon, if Villa essays to drive southward from Chihuahua City, it is said. But if he decides to make his campaign fall strength at Juarez and plans to protect it, El Paso may witness a border fight when Constitutional forces reach the city.

## VILLA TROOPS DISINTEGRATING

In the meantime, Villa's forces are disintegrating fast, it is reported. United States authorities here. Officers and men are tired out and discouraged with the results of the Sonora campaign, and the assistance the United States is giving Carranza in allowing his troops to be transported through American border territory for moves against Villa.

Gen. Sustener Garza has changed to the recognized government at Durango campaign, and the assistance the United States is giving Carranza in allowing his troops to be transported through American border territory for moves against Villa.

## CARRANZA ASKS REPORTS ON AGRARIAN REFORMS

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 12.—The Carranza government has asked governors of all states in Mexico to report immediately on steps they have taken to complete the agrarian reforms decreed by Gen. Carranza last January, according to information reaching the Mexican consulate here today.

New owners of community land in the state of Veracruz, apportioned eight months ago, are reported to have harvested great crops and are in a prosperous condition.

The consulate is advised that street railway employees in Mexico City have received wage increases of from 45 to 100 percent.

## L. GIROUX, CATTLEMAN, IS SHOT IN HERMOSILLO

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 12.—Louis Giroux, Arizona and Sonora cattleman, expected to recover from the effects of a wound received when he was shot by a Mexican at Hermosillo last Friday night. A special train was sent south.

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